

*Amendments to the Specification*

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Please amend paragraph ~~{0027}~~ as follows: ". . . between a cable system headend 102 and a plurality of cable modems (CM) 108a-108n via a communications network 106 . . ."

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*[0035]*

Please amend paragraph ~~{0037}~~ as follows: ". . . In an embodiment, a downstream synchronous dynamic random access memory (SDRAM) 230 is used to support packaging, handling, and storage of output queues received from the CMTS MAC 210."